

Statement from Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on racial disparities in searches:

“This report is both important and timely. I am committed to helping the LAPD make forward progress on issues of race and community relations — and bring about more reflective and impactful interactions between officers and the people they protect and serve.

The LAPD Inspector General is looking at the issue of vehicle stops, and we look forward to seeing those findings and recommendations soon — but we’re not waiting for reports to move forward. As Mayor, we’ve led the LAPD to become the biggest department in America to put body cameras on every patrol officer, to train all officers in understanding and dealing with implicit bias, and to create new policies and training to deescalate potentially violent encounters before resorting to deadly force. We’ve expanded the Community Safety Partnership to deepen relationship-building, so we can keep breaking down barriers between officers and Angelenos in communities where injustice and discrimination have touched the lives of people of color — and started specific recruitment campaigns to embrace and expand diversity in our department. We also have grown the area served by intervention and prevention programs citywide through my Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, because we know that strengthening the relationship between city government and communities requires more than improvements in policing.

I look forward to our Police Commission and department leaders using this information to improve best practices, and I expect the department to work consciously and even-handedly to earn the trust of every Angeleno, every day, with every interaction.”